

BERLIN RECALLS GERMAN ATTACHES

CONTINUE TO
FALL BACK IN
FACING FOES

Retreat of Allies in the Balkans Goes on Without Delay, Says London.

LOSSES LESS HEAVY

According to Report Franco-British Forces Suffer Lighter Casualties.

Paris, Dec. 11, (5:10 a. m.)—France and Great Britain decided today to continue the campaign in the Balkans, and agreed on military measures designed to assure the security of the expeditionary forces which landed at Saloniki.

London, Dec. 11, (11:50 a. m.)—The latest news from the Balkans indicates that the allies are still falling back but without suffering the losses endured on the first days of the retreat, when the pursuing Bulgarians attacked rear guards repeatedly. Paris reports that in these actions the French inflicted heavy losses on the pursuers by their artillery fire.

The British public received a shock in the form of a Saloniki dispatch that the Greek frontier town of Giveli had been occupied by two divisions of German troops. Later, reports, however, state that this important position is not yet within the range of the invaders' guns. Giveli is on the Greek frontier near the Vardar river and commands the railroad north from Saloniki. The town first came into prominence during the present war as headquarters of the typhus hospital of Dr. James P. Donnelly of New York, who died in Nish in February.

Greek Situation Unchanged. The diplomatic negotiations with Greece seem no nearer settlement, although the retreat of the allied troops makes some definite reply from Athens hourly more vital.

A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company from Saloniki, dated Friday says: "Complete calm prevailed yesterday and throughout the night on the front of the entente forces. The retirement of the entente allies is proceeding in good order."

"The political situation engrosses the public."

Report Premature. London, Dec. 11. — "The reported German occupation of Giveli (Serbia) is premature," says the Saloniki correspondent of Reuters' Telegram company. "Up to 4 o'clock Friday afternoon there was no enemy in the immediate neighborhood of Giveli."

A previous dispatch from Saloniki said it was reported that German forces under General von Gallwitz occupied Giveli Friday morning.

Continue Retreat. Sofia, Dec. 11, (via London, 8:05 a. m.)—The French and British armies continue to fall back before the Bulgarians, who have occupied a number of additional positions formerly held by the allied troops. The following report of these operations was issued by the war office here today:

"The French concentrated near Petrovo part of their troops from Demir-Kapu and Giveli. On Wednesday fighting was resumed on the Petrovo-Marovka. Our troops captured several positions on the heights and drove back the French to the Vardar."

100 Prisoners Taken. Our column which advanced through the Vardar defile, defeated the French rear guard near the village of Klossura, taking 100 prisoners. The column advancing on the left bank of the Vardar attacked the French positions near the Dolavoda estuary. The French retired to Graden and, after desperate street fighting there, to Udumo.

"Our troops captured a strong position on the Protan-Memil line which the Franco-British troops fortified south of the Babrovo Valandovo line."

This communication of which date of issue is not given, evidently refers to fighting of several days ago, which occurred on Serbian territory. Unofficial cable dispatches yesterday said the French and British had quit Serbia. This report, however, has not been confirmed.

The president of an Ohio independent telephone association is responsible for the statement that Ohio is the best developed telephone territory in the world, but how many Ohioans would be if they were plainly labeled, "America's most garrulous."



THE CHARGE OF THE LAST MINUTE BRIGADE

NOTED CRIMINAL
FINALLY CAUGHT

Man With International Record of Wrong Doings Located in Chicago Sanitarium.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—A victim of tuberculosis, Charles Green of Toledo, Ohio, whose criminal record, the police say, is international, was under arrest here today, awaiting return to Cleveland, where he is charged with having forfeited his bond of \$24,000 last spring after his arrest on a charge of robbing jewelry firms of gems valued at \$17,000.

Notwithstanding that the police of a score of cities and private detective agencies have sought him, Green told the police after his arrest here yesterday that he had spent the last year in a Chicago sanitarium. Physicians say he will not live more than a month.

In 1907 Green was arrested in London for the theft of \$26,000 worth of diamonds from a jeweler. He took passage on a liner and was located by wireless and arrested at sea. The gems were found behind a loose panel in Green's stateroom. He served five years in prison for the job.

Green is alleged to have jobbed jewelry throughout the country by substituting imitation gems for the original.

DESIRE FOR PEACE
SCENTED BY PARIS

Newspapers of France Glean Purpose of German Chancellor's Speech in Reichstag.

Paris, Dec. 11, (5:00 a. m.)—Paris newspapers express the opinion that behind the outspoken remarks of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German chancellor, in his address to the reichstag may be perceived a desire for peace.

"Germany's plan is evident," says Gabriel Hanotix, former foreign minister, in the Figaro. "While the chancellor rattles the sabre and proclaims Germany's undiminished strength and determination to win, the socialists are put up to feel the ground for peace proposals through their international connection in neutral countries."

The Matin asserts the chancellor, notwithstanding his great ability, has failed to hide the truth concerning Germany's straits.

"The idea that Germany could lack anything suggested astonishing revelation to him," it says. "We learn that our enemies have such fabulous quantities of potatoes that three-quarters of them are used for purposes other than food."

WIFE PROSTRATED
BY HUSBAND'S DEATH

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Charles S. Bromwell, wife of Lieutenant Colonel Bromwell, U. S. A., was prostrated here today following the news that her husband was dead in Honolulu from a bullet wound in the head supposed to be self-inflicted. Mrs. Bromwell reached here yesterday from Bloomington, Ill., enroute to join her husband.

Puts Blame
on Methods
for Failure

Iowa City, Iowa, Dec. 11.—It is a false notion that a child is necessarily at fault when it fails in school, according to Charles H. Judd, director of the school of education of the University of Chicago, in an address before the conference of the Iowa school superintendents which closed here today. "Failure of a child in its studies indicates the possibility of a problem in that school," Dr. Judd declared.

"When a child fails it is the supervisor's business to find out the reason," he said. "If the percentage of failures increases greatly in a certain grade or in a certain school, the administration of that school should be investigated. In Cleveland, the majority of failures were on account of arithmetic. Cleveland changed its arithmetic. Let's have surveys, investigations; let's learn the result of our teaching."

THE WAR TODAY

All arrangements for demobilizing the Greek army have been made and it is expected a demobilization decree will be issued shortly, an Athens dispatch announces.

In his recent interview with the Associated Press correspondent at Athens, King Constantine said that if the entente allies used coercive measures to enforce their demands, Greece would protest to the whole world their sovereign rights were being violated, would resist passively as long as she could, and when she could hold out no longer, would demobilize her armies and "await the march of events."

Saloniki advices declare reports that German troops had reached Giveli, close to the Greek border of Serbia, were premature, there being no sign of German or Bulgarian troops near Giveli up to a late hour yesterday. Hostile occupation of Giveli would have imperiled the allied retreat.

The current statement of the Bulgarian war office traces the Franco-British retreat as far south as the Babrovo-Valandovo line. Valandovo is about 20 miles from the Greek border.

The Teutonic powers have more than a million men at their disposal in the Balkans, Premier Radoslavoff of Bulgaria declares, according to a London news agency dispatch.

Enrollment for military service under the earl of Derby's recruiting plan for Great Britain ends at midnight tomorrow.

London dispatches tell of great crowds at the recruiting stations, awaiting opportunity for enrollment during the closing hours.

Only artillery engagements are reported on the western war front, with the exception of minor trench fighting in the Champagne region.

YAQUI INDIANS GO
ON THE WAR PATH

American Settlement in Mexico Asks for Protection From Warring Tribe.

Topolobampo, Mexico, Dec. 10, (by wireless to San Diego, Cal., Dec. 11.)—Yaqui Indians are now on the war path and are raiding the American settlement in the Yaqui valley, according to reports just received from Guaymas.

The Richardson Construction company, which owns approximately 1,600,000 acres in the valley has sent an appeal to the American consul at Guaymas asking that protection be immediately furnished as the American colony is wholly without protection in the valley where the Indians are reported as raiding farms, driving off stock, burning American harvests and moving toward the experimental station. No American casualties have been reported.

Five hundred Indian warriors engaged Mexican troops for three hours yesterday along the canal between Corcor and Esperanza, but the result of the encounter has not been learned.

Admiral Winslow, who is here with the cruiser San Diego, has directed the cruiser Raleigh, enroute here from Guaymas, to proceed to Tobar Bay, which is the nearest approach to the American settlement. The Raleigh is due to arrive there early tomorrow.

RARE COLLECTION
STOLEN BY THIEF

Assortment of Ancient Jewels Valued at \$50,000 Taken From Chicago Art Institute.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Eluding three watchmen guarding the building, a thief gained entrance to the Art institute of Chicago, on Michigan boulevard, early today and escaped with a collection of rare jewels, valued at between \$35,000 and \$50,000.

The collection was the gift of La Verne W. Noyes, a Chicago manufacturer, in memory of his late wife. It was made up of five pieces, all of ancient French make. It included a necklace of diamonds and opals, and brooch of diamonds, earrings, a watch, buckle and pendant of opals. The collection was given to the institute two years ago.

The theft was planned by some one familiar with the institute, according to detectives, as the building was in comparative darkness, and none of the other priceless jewels and paintings was touched.

Entrance was gained through a skylight on the roof of the building. The thief lowered himself with a rope, made his way to the north wing of the building, pried up a glass case containing the collection and retraced his steps.

Renew Action Against Socialists.

Paris, Dec. 11, (3:45 a. m.)—The German military authorities have begun fresh proceedings against Dr. Karl Liebknecht, socialist member of the reichstag, according to a Humanite correspondent on the Swiss frontier. His prosecution, however, requires the sanction of the reichstag.

KAISER BOWS
TO WILSON'S
LAST DECREE

Emperor Grants Recall of Captains von Papen and Boy-ed From U. S.

SAFE CONDUCT ASKED

In Note to President Germany's Ruler Requests Their Protection.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—The president received no official messages during his absence from Washington and learned of the recall of Captain von Papen and Captain Boy-ed, military and naval attaches of the German embassy, from the newspapers.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Emperor William has personally withdrawn Captains Boy-ed and von Papen, the naval and military attaches of the German embassy here, and has made a personal request that the United States secure safe conducts for them and their successors. This was formally announced late Friday by Secretary Lansing.

A communication from the German foreign office announcing the action was delivered to Secretary Lansing Friday by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, who hurried here from New York when he was advised that a reply to the request of the United States had been received at the embassy from Berlin. Mr. Lansing, after a short conference with the ambassador, authorized the following official statement:

"The German ambassador has informed me that the emperor has been pleased to recall Captains von Papen and Boy-ed in compliance with the wishes of the United States."

There was much satisfaction in official circles Friday night at the prompt action taken by Emperor William and at the outcome of a situation which, for a time, appeared to be threatened with serious difficulties. Count von Bernstorff's manner as he left the state department, reflected his own apparent gratification.

It was learned Friday night that there was a possibility of further diplomatic correspondence on the subject of the withdrawal of the attaches. While the reasons given by the United States for its request were accepted as satisfactory because any objection on the part of the American government to the attaches would render their continued presence undesirable, the German government later may see fit to address a communication to the United States stating that it does not find itself able to agree that the attaches conducted themselves in a manner which justified them in being declared undesirable.

Safe Conduct Asked.

The British and French embassies immediately will be asked by Secretary Lansing to secure safe conducts for the return to Germany of the officers. The requests will go to the London and Paris foreign offices, and it is said that either Great Britain or France or both may demand that if Captain Boy-ed and Captain von Papen leave the United States they must go under parole, giving their words not to take part in the hostilities in Europe.

On the other hand the opinion is understood to prevail at the German embassy that it is proper to ask for safe conducts without qualifications, as the coming of successors to the attaches would remove two fighting officers from Germany. Secretary Lansing has determined that the question of asking safe conducts for the successors of the attaches shall be decided after they have been named.

Will Consider von Naber.

Secretary Lansing now is free also to consider the cases of other foreign diplomatic and consular officers which the state department has under investigation. The case of Alexander von Naber, Austro-Hungarian consul general at New York probably will be decided first.

It also is known that the department has under consideration the case of a high diplomatic official, though a decision in that matter is not expected for some time.

Neither Captain Boy-ed nor Captain von Papen was in Washington Friday night. Captain Boy-ed went to New York early in the week and was followed Thursday by Captain von Papen. Both will return to the embassy within the next few days to bid farewell to the officers of the embassies and legations of the neutral governments and the governments allied with Germany.

CHINA PRESIDENT
FINALLY ACCEPTS
OFFER OF THRONE

Yuan Shi-Kai Is at Last Persuaded to Become King of People He Now Rules.

Peking, Dec. 11.—Yuan Shi-Kai, president of the Chinese republic, has accepted the throne of China, tendered to him by the council of state.

Acting as a parliament, the council of state today canvassed the vote on the question of a change in the form of the government of China to a monarchy and found that the votes of 1,993 representatives out of 2,043 qualified to vote on the proposition were favorable to the change.

The council of state immediately sent to Yuan Shi-Kai a petition urging him to accept the throne. He declined at first but when the petition was forwarded to him a second time he accepted, with the proviso that he would continue to act as president until a convenient time for the coronation.

China, for centuries under the Manchu rule, became a republic on Feb. 12, 1912, following the revolution of 1911, and after the adoption of a provisional constitution and the election on Oct. 6, 1913, he was inaugurated four days later.

Indications of plan to abandon the republican form of government and revert to the monarchical system were first apparent in August last, with the publication of accounts of a meeting of prominent men in Peking, who formed an association to discuss whether monarchy was not the best form of government for China.

The march of events followed fast. The machinery for obtaining an expression of the nation's opinion of the proposed change having been put into operation, it was announced in Peking on Nov. 7 that 15 of the 18 provinces had voted in favor of a monarchy.

Meanwhile the entente powers, noting with evident anxiety the progress of events in China, made representations to Peking regarding the proposal to upset the republican government and substitute for it a monarchy.

STEAMER ELUDES
SUBS AND BOMBS

Marseilles, France, Dec. 11, (4:45 a. m.)—The officers of the French steamer Harmonie, which has arrived here, state that the vessel was attacked by an Austrian submarine. The submarine fired two torpedoes, which were without effect, and then withdrew. The next day the Harmonie was attacked by an aeroplane that flew over head for a quarter of an hour and dropped six bombs, all of which fell into the sea.

HURT IN COLLISION
WITH A STREET CAR

Frank Kehoe, 344 Twenty-fourth street, Moline, was painfully injured yesterday afternoon when he collided with an eastbound Fourth avenue car while riding a motorcycle, at Sixth street and Fourth avenue, Moline. Kehoe had just reached the bottom of the hill when the street car shot across the street. He was unable to stop and ran into the side of the car. He sustained a severe scalp wound with bruises about the body. He was removed to the city hospital today.

Moline Movie Theatre Closed.

The Grand, a moving picture house, located on Fifteenth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, Moline, was closed today by the Moline Trust & Savings bank on a chattel mortgage. The bank is selling all of the equipment in the theatre.

British Steamer Sunk.

London, Dec. 11, (12:15).—The British steamship Bussir, 270 tons gross, has been sunk. Her crew was landed.

Dr. Kirkland Dead.

Kewanee, Ill., Dec. 11.—Dr. J. A. Kirkland, a prominent physician, is dead at his home in Cambridge, aged 59.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Probably light snow tonight. Sunday generally fair. Slightly colder to night with lowest temperature about 22 degrees.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 23. Highest yesterday, 34; lowest last night 27.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 20 miles per hour.

Precipitation, .20 inch.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 88, at 7 a. m. 84, at 1 p. m. today 91.

Stage of water 5.4 a fall of .3 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

LABOR FIGHT
BARES GIANT
TEUTON PLOT

National Peace Council Is Shown Up When Quarrel Splits It Into Factions.

DISCLOSE INNER WORK

Following Break Inside Business of Body Related to Federal Agents.

New York, Dec. 11.—A quarrel which rent labor's national peace council into two antagonistic factions was stated today by federal officials to have been largely responsible for the uncovering of an alleged conspiracy involving Franz von Rintelen to instigate strikes in munition factories.

According to this statement a number of the members of the council joined the organization, believing it was a body formed to work impartially in the interests of peace. Later, they discovered, it said, that an inner ring of German sympathizers and agents of von Rintelen was really in control and intended to use the council as a means to further the strike propaganda.

When the government started its investigation into the activities of von Rintelen several men, who had been officials of the peace council and had resigned, went to the federal authorities and placed at their disposal a mass of information regarding the inner workings of the council.

E. C. Straube, secretary of the council, is said to have been one of these men. He is due in New York from Chicago tomorrow and will be questioned by United States Attorney Marshall. He is also expected to be one of the principal witnesses before the grand jury next week.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will be another witness.

Calls to See Lansing.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Baron Erick Zwiadnek, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, today called on Secretary Lansing to explain a letter he wrote in August, 1914, in which he suggested that passports be bought for Austrian reservists. The state department has a photographic copy of the letter.

The charge was understood to have informed Secretary Lansing that at the time the letter was written he was a subordinate in the embassy. Dr. Dumba, the ambassador who has been recalled, was then in charge, and it was said that Baron Zwiadnek had contended that he was acting, not on his own initiative, but under the instructions of the ambassador.

BRYAN FAILS TO
APPEAR IN COURT

New York, Dec. 11.—William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state in an order signed by Supreme Court Justice Whitaker today, was declared in default for failure to answer a summons to appear as a witness in the suit for alleged libel brought by Petros T. Tatanis against D. J. and S. J. Vlasto. The court issued an order requiring Mr. Bryan to show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt of court. This was made returnable Dec. 23.

FORD IS BOOSTED
FOR PRESIDENCY

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 11.—The name of Henry Ford of Detroit was today filed as a presidential candidate in the Nebraska republican primaries to be held next April. The petition was filed by Omaha republicans.

TO BE SENTENCED ON
WILSON WEDDING DAY

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 11.—Edward Wegener, former Valley Junction station keeper and wealthy today faced a penitentiary sentence for the assault and robbery of Charles Ashworth, a wealthy citizen of Valley Junction, on Oct. 9, 1914. A jury in district court last night returned a verdict adjudging him guilty. Sentence will be passed Dec. 18. Charles Lavelle is already in the penitentiary for the crime.